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BOARD OF CONTROL REPORT.

The State Board of Control, created by the legislature two years ago, issued its first report about the middle of January and, as might have been expected, it found many and divers curious things to report. When one thinks that a number of state institutions, handling hundreds of thousands of dollars, and not provided with any bookkeepers, have not had their accounts investigated or audited for years, one can realize the probabilities! Elsewhere in this issue we publish such portions of the report as refer to medical matters and believe they will be read with interest. The strictures on the Board of Medical Examiners are, in some instances at least, unjust. A very large amount of legal work not at all connected with the prosecution of unlicensed physicians, has been forced upon the attorney for the board; many very important cases, at least one or two of which will eventually go to the Supreme Court, are still in litigation. It is to be regretted that the Board of Examiners did not follow the policy of the State Society and have its accounts audited by a certified accountant every year. In the case of the State Board of Health, the trouble seems to have come from a lack of proper system and no provision for petty cash expenses or what is known as a revolving fund. There are always such small items to be paid out and unless a proper system is employed, confusion is bound to follow. It is scarcely fair to impose business duties upon professional men and then not provide a business-like system; professional men are notoriously careless of business details which they, as a rule, look upon as merely irksome and to be slighted as much as possible. If the Board of Control will keep itself out of politics and not try to indulge in the thousand and one little tricks which seem wedded to political activity, it can do a really great service to the state.

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DUES! DUES! DUES!

If you value the remarkably good protection against alleged malpractice suits which the State Society secures to all its members, do not fail to pay your dues before March 1st, 1913. All members must be reported and paid for before that date or they lose the Medical Defense protection from January 1st. The rule will be strictly enforced; two months is long enough to carry any one. Dues for the year are payable in advance and are due January 1st; see that you pay your county secretary promptly and thus take no chances of being landed with a suit that you will have to defend yourself and that will cost you many hundreds of dollars. The dues are a trifling sum; the cost of defending a suit is no small joke. Do not be careless or forgetful or think you can get along without the aid of the Society. You cannot afford to be unprotected for a single day, for on just that very day, a suit may be filed against you or you may treat some patient who will later bring suit against you. Take no chances; PAY YOUR DUES!

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FRAUDULENT DISINFECTANTS.

The State Hygienic Laboratory has done an excellent work in the investigation of certain alleged disinfectants which are advertised to have extraordinary powers as germ-killers and so are sold to the public; whereas they are in truth and in fact, worthless as such. Dr. Wilbur A. Sawyer, in the Bulletin of the California State Board of Health for November 1912, has an excellent article on this subject. Samples of several disinfectants were tested for the State Board of Control with, in comparison with the claims made for them, remarkable results. In one case the label claimed that "a constant dripping of this oil into the bowls of closets or urinals would disinfect them and would also diffuse a pleasant odor which would kill contagious germs in the air such as tuberculosis and 'all kinds of fever.'" "Examination of the oil showed that dried typhoid bacilli could be soaked in it for at least sixteen hours and would remain alive." And it is for stuff sold by and because of such false and fraudulent claims that people are not only paying their good money, but doubtless in many cases they are placing a false reliance of protection in something that is worthless.

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